

# Major State Tax Reform In Offering, Solon Says

SENATOR THOMAS on Revenue and Taxation has indicated that his group is preparing various estimates of new or increased taxes, but at present has no plans to introduce any revenue measures since it intends to act on any tax bills sent to the Senate by the Assembly.

This ambitious state revenue program is said by its authors to constitute the most thorough reworking of our state tax system since the original enactment of the sales tax in 1933. More than a billion dollars in total revenues would be involved, but the plan calls for reductions in some taxes, as well as sizeable increases in others.

Other large cuts in local property taxes which the programs calls for reductions in local property taxes which would total some \$670 million per year. Part of this would result from mandatory cuts in school district taxes, which would be expected to average 25 per cent on a statewide basis. These reductions would be replaced by additional grants from the state treasury, which I will discuss in a moment.

## Moose Lodge Five New Members Enrolled

David Palmer, Leonard Cannon, Roy Smith, Daniel A. Jones, and Donald Devine have been enrolled as members of the Royal Order of the Moose, Lodge 785.

The five new members were enrolled during ceremonies held at a recent meeting.

The lodge also honored James D. McCune, president of the South Central District of the California Moose Association and a former governor of Lodge 785.

McCune, also a past publicity chairman for the local lodge, won first place in the publicity awards contest for 1963-64. Officers attending the event were Bernard E. "Red" Finke, governor; Thomas Walls, junior governor; James Johnston, prelate; James Evans, secretary; A. L. Wheelock, treasurer, and Joseph Morley, past governor.

Trustees attending were Douglas Dixon, Albert C. Pierce, and Arthur Galinsky. Governor Harry Thomas of Lodge 1758 was a guest.

proposal calls for inclusion of elimination of taxes on business inventories, estimated to involve \$237 million per year; exemption of household furnishings, \$40 million; and tax relief for aged persons of low income who own homes, \$30 million.

The greatest amount of new revenue would be produced by a one cent increase in the state sales tax, which would raise the total rate from the present four cents to five cents. All the proceeds from this tax hike, estimated at \$300 million per year, would be passed on to local school districts to offset the cuts in their property tax rates which I mentioned previously.

IMPORTANT changes in the personal income tax law would be expected to raise an additional \$339 million per year. Dropping the amount of personal exemption to the federal level, and raising the rates all along the

line would be the most significant factors in producing this money. Withholding the income tax, with "100 per cent forgiveness" to avoid double taxation would provide \$55 million more in revenue.

Raising the rate of the cigarette tax from the current

## Magic Show Set In Palos Verdes

Zweers, the Magician, will be presented at the Montemalaga School April 14 under the sponsorship of the South Bay Chapter of ORT, Organization for Rehabilitation through Training. Proceeds will be used to support the group's vocational schools.

Tickets may be obtained from Mmes. Alvin Eisberg, DA 6-0984; Allen Gralnik, 370-3053; Bernard Deutch, FR 1-2322; Jordan Rhodes, DA 5-7493 or Stanley Rappaport, 378-2619.

3 to 8 cents per pack together with a 20 per cent levy on all other tobacco products would bring in about \$135 million per year. An additional \$60 million annually would be yielded by a new gross receipts tax on all public utilities.

Every taxpayer in the state would be hit in the pocketbook by one or more of these proposed increases. We all know that some raises are inevitable, that our existing level of state service cannot be financed without them, but it is certain that all these proposals will be reviewed with great care.

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## Stamp Club Sets Auction Meeting

The Torrance Stamp Club will meet April 12 in Scott Park Community Building, 23410 Catskill Ave., Wilmington, for an auction.

Visitors are welcome and further information is available at TE 4-6718.

CM Sgt. James D. Osborn, whose wife, Virginia, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams of 22427 Evalyn Ave., has arrived for duty at Pease AFB, N. H., after a tour of duty in England.

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